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HELENA, MONTANA

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Dearest Ronald:

Am thinking a lot about this, your first day in school. Do hope you like it and that you study every lesson thoroughly. Remember you are paying for the information and so do not hesitate to ask a teacher again and again about anything that is not clear. I want to hold to just this one job-- getting through school and passing examinations at the top. Don't write anything outside your school stuff. Don't read anything outside of school requirements. When you are through with lessons, get outdoors for your health. If you stick to this one rule, you will win through.

I am feeling world's better in this mountain air. It is a wonderful change from the tropics. It is too bad that dad could not also have had it instead of going so early on the job. He did it for you so when you feel like slacking, I want you to remember dad gave his hard earned leave to put you where you are. There is only one way you can pay dad and that is by making good. Your success is our biggest goal in life.

Had a two day fishing trip. Caught one trout. Need practice again and patience. You would have laughed at the sight of me in your outgrown gear, raincoat, sweater, boots, even the red socks, gloves and dad's oldest hat. No wonder the trout were elusive. If they didn't see me they certainly heard me coming.

The morning paper carries the news that Wallace made his fraterni and Ellen her ~~saxixix.xsoxixixix~~ sorority. Clipping enclosed. Toillie is raving because you wrote all byt herself. You won't have much time for letters but there is always the little card.

It is one lovely day out and am going to take this letter and dad's downtown and send them airmail. Also send the golf bags to dad. Don't know who desires same, yourself or dad. But he can forward anything to you. Sent the steamer by express Saturday so he could forward it to you or whatever you needed. The Samson trunk had nothing in it you wanted except possibly your hiking boots. If you wish these I will parcel post them to you.

I am on my toes to hear all about your school. Notice it is an hour from Washington. I think we drove out to Manassas one Sunday.

Let me know if there is anything else you need and I will send it on to you.

With love and best wishes

M. J.